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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

November 20, 1978

PARTICIPANTS: Father Enzo Giustozze, Catholic Priest,  
Theology Professor, and Member of  
Permanent Assembly  
F.A. Harris, Political Officer,  
Amembassy Buenos Aires

PLACE : Harris Residence

SUBJECT : Human Rights Violations

During a tour d'horizon regarding the human rights situation in Argentina, Father Giustozze provided the following information:

Reported Torture

Two members of the Father's parish, Marcelo Arana and Juan Licceri, informed Father Giustozze that they had been abducted in mid-October, interrogated and tortured regarding alleged association with certain Peronist youth groups. According to Arana and Licceri, a friend of theirs, Daniel Marsili was abducted by Security Forces in late September. During Marsili's interrogation, he named Arana, Licceri and another friend as persons who had been associated with him in Peronist political activities prior to March, 1976. The Security Forces acting on this information abducted all three in mid-October. The three were interrogated with electric picana for several days regarding their previous political affiliations. The three maintained that they had not engaged in political activities during several interrogation sessions. Then Daniel Marsili, the original informant, was brought in to confront the persons he had previously named. According to Arana and Licceri, Marsili confessed that his previous statements about Arana's, Licceri's and the other youth's political activity were false and were made to avoid further applications of the picana during his interrogation.

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